

Question on Notice

No. 429

Asked on Tuesday, 13 March 2007

MS PALASZCZUK MP asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services Queensland, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth

(MR PITT) -

- (1) What progress has his department made to set up a Youth Justice Service Centre at Inala?
- (2) How much funding was allocated for 2006-07 to Youth Justice Service Centres throughout Queensland?

ANSWER:

- (1) The establishment of the Inala Youth Justice Service has continued to be a priority for the department since 2004 when it was agreed that Inala would have a youth justice service. Unfortunately suitable commercial office accommodation in Inala is limited. The department has explored numerous accommodation options and is currently negotiating with the Department of Housing for an interim solution to locate some youth justice staff within the Department of Housing tenancy at Inala. Additionally, the Department of Public Works is continuing to finalise a long term accommodation solution for the Inala Youth Justice Service.

Currently, youth justice services are delivered to Inala from the Brisbane South Youth Justice Service Centre, located at Buranda.

- (2) In 2006-07, the department allocated operating funds of \$24.4 million across the 10 departmental regions to 15 dedicated Youth Justice Service Centres and the Youth and Family Support Service. This funding enables the provision of youth justice services from 32 sites across the state.

In addition, the department has allocated capital funds of \$7.2 million in 2006-07 for the establishment of youth justice service centres across the state under the regional accommodation program.